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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that references 35, and 38-42 listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 were cited in the International Search Report dated November 30, 2001, for a counterpart PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report for the counterpart PCT application is enclosed herewith. References that are listed on the International Search Report and not enclosed herewith were disclosed in a previous PTO 1449 submission.

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With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications;

1. United States Serial Number 08/873,597, filed June 12, 1997 and U.S.S.N. 08/911,589, filed August 14, 1997, now Patent No. 6,232,062; and U.S.S.N. 09/660,374, filed September 12, 2000.

2. U.S.S.N. 08/166,036, filed December 10, 1993, now Patent Number 5,591,578; U.S.S.N. 08/475,051, filed June 7, 1995, now Patent Number 5,824,473; U.S.S.N. 08/660,534, filed June 7, 1995, now Patent Number 5,770,369; U.S.S.N. 08/659,987, filed June 7, 1996, now abandoned; U.S.S.N. 08/709,265, filed September 6, 1996, now Patent Number 5,705,348; U.S.S.N. 08/709,263, filed September 6, 1996, now Patent Number 5,780,234; U.S.S.N. 08/873,598, filed June 12, 1997, now Patent Number 5,952,172; U.S.S.N. 08/946,679, filed October 8, 1997, now Patent Number 6,087,100; U.S.S.N. 09/100,507, filed June 19, 1998, now Patent Number 6,071,699; U.S.S.N. 09/306,749, filed May 7, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/306,737, filed May 7, 1999, now Patent No. 6,177,250; U.S.S.N. 09/306,768, filed May 7, 1999, now Patent No. 6,277,576; U.S.S.N. 09/454,498, filed December 6, 1999, now Patent No. 6,268,149; U.S.S.N. 09/459,751, filed December 10, 1999, now Patent No. 6,268,150; U.S.S.N. 09/459,191, filed December 10, 1999, now Patent Number 6,180,352; U.S.S.N. 09/454,497, filed December 6, 1999, now Patent No. 6,200,761; U.S.S.N. 09/458,187, filed December 8, 1999, now Patent No. 6,238,870; U.S.S.N. 09/545,227, filed April 7, 2000, now Patent No. 6,258,545; U.S.S.N. 09/602,618, filed June 22, 2000; U.S.S.N. 09/845,746, filed April 30, 2001; and U.S.S.N. 09/866,067, filed May 23, 2001.

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3. U.S.S.N. 09/245,105, filed January 27, 1999.
4. U.S.S.N. 09/135,183, filed August 17, 1998.
5. U.S.S.N. 08/743,798, filed November 5, 1996, now Patent No. 6,096,273; U.S.S.N. 08/873,978, filed June 12, 1997; U.S.S.N. 08/899,510, July 24, 1997, now Patent No. 6,221,583; U.S.S.N. 08/911,085, filed August 14, 1997, now Patent Number 6,090,933; U.S.S.N. 09/557,577, filed April 21, 2000; and U.S.S.N. 09/577,429, filed May 22, 2000.
6. U.S.S.N. 09/306,653, filed May 6, 1999 and U.S.S.N. 09/452,277, filed February 3, 1999.
7. U.S.S.N. 09/134,058, filed August 14, 1998, now Patent No. 6,290,839; U.S.S.N. 09/338,726, filed June 23, 1999, now Patent No. 6,264,825; U.S.S.N. 09/440,371, filed November 12, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/520,477, filed March 8, 2000; and U.S.S.N. 09/712,792, filed November 13, 2000.
8. U.S.S.N. 09/238,351, filed January 27, 1999 and 09/621,275 filed July 20, 2000.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

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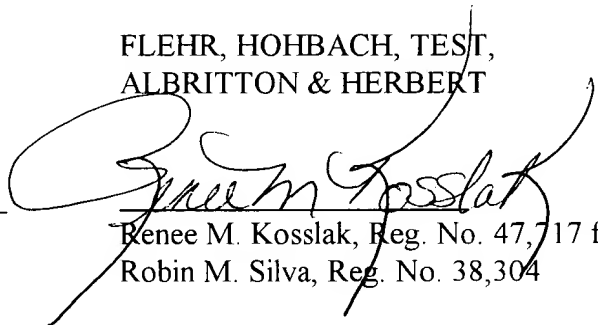
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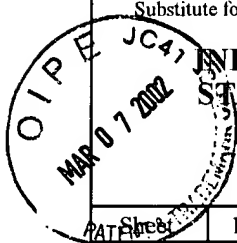
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